

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 were pending in this application.

Claims 1-3 and 5 are canceled without prejudice. The Applicants reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the canceled subject matter.

Claims 4 and 6-11 have been amended.

Claims 4 and 6-12 are now pending and being submitted for reconsideration.

The claims have been amended in accord with the revised amendment practice effective July 30, 2003. Additions are shown by underlining and deletions are shown by strikethrough. No new matter has been added.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 1-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rotzinger et al alone, or in view of GB 2,301,106.

The Applicants submitted a Declaration on March 31, 2003 showing unexpected results for stabilizer blends of A-I-1-a and BI-2-a in Metallocene Polypropylene. However, the Examiner maintained her rejection of the Applicant's claims citing the Declaration as insufficient data to support the broad array of stabilizers set forth in the applicant's original claims. Thus the Applicants have better focused and more specifically claimed the instant invention by canceling claims 1-3 and narrowing claim 4 to include a limited number of triazine stabilizers as component A and a very limited number of hindered amine stabilizers as component B (now the well defined structure (B-I-2)). A comparison of the stabilizer mixture of amended claim 4 with the stabilizer mixture used for the experiments presented in the Declaration clearly reveals the structural similarities of components A and B. Please note that the product (A-II-a) is a reaction product with cyanuric chloride. Possible structural formulae of this product are shown on pages 8 and 9 of the present specification. Thus, the Applicant aver that the showing of the Declaration is commensurate with the amended claims.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 4 and 6-12 is respectfully solicited in light of the remarks *supra* and amendments..

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. In the event that minor amendments will further prosecution, Applicants request that the examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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